ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Liberty Church,

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA,

From the 29th to the 30th of Sept., 1893,

BURTON & WEATHERFORD, PRINTERS, TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

MINUTES.

LIBERTY CHURCH, FRIDAY, SEPT. 29, 1893.

MORNING SESSION.

The Second Session of the Mount Moriah Baptist Association convened with Liberty Church, at 11 o'clock A. M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Wilson, of Tuscaloosa Association, from Matthew, 11:28,29,30. (Bro. Wilson preached the Introductory Sermon by request.)

Adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock. Hymn No. 50 in Psalmody was sung, and prayer was offered by Wm. Hannah. The former Moderator being present, he called the Association to order. J. M. Gwin acted as Clerk. Letters of the several churches were read. Went into the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder William Hannah Moderator and J. M. Gwin Clerk.

By motion, received and adopted order of business.

Opened the door for reception of new churches.

Received Shoal Creek and New Bethel Churches. They were seated by the moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Received correspondence as follows:

Tuscaloosa Association—Revs. J. G. Lowery, J. E. Wilson, and J. R. Halman.
Harmony Association—Bro. S. Y. Herring.

Returned correspondence as follows:

Tuscaloosa Association—Jackson Kizziah, E. D. Herring.
Harmony Association—M. L. Burchfield, Rev. Jackson Kizziah.
Birmingham Association—Rev. J. I. Gilbert, and J. N. Burchfield.
Mud Creek Association—W. I. Gilbert, and A. Gilbert.
North River Association—Rev. J. I. Gilbert, A. Gilbert.
Shelby Association—Rev. Wm. Hannah.

Appointed Committees as follows:

Devotion—W. B. Patterson, J. M. Gilbert, and Deacons of Liberty Church.
Finance—R. R. Kennedy, E. H. F. Herring, J. D. Hannah.
Documents—J. M. Gilbert, W. I. Gilbert. M. L. Burchfield.
Nominations—J. N. Burchfield, S. B. Hannah, A. Gilbert.
Deceased Members—E. D. Herring, J. H. Stringfellow, J. R. Patterson.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30.

Association met, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Wilson. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Bro. R. D. Burrows was received as a visiting minister.

The Committee on Finance reported:

We, your Committee report that we find for Minutes, $7.50; for Associational Purposes, $4.90: Association Book, 50c.; For Missions, $5.42.

R. R. Kennedy, Chairman.

The Committee on Documents reported:

Some of the churches ask for the prayers of the Association. Brethren, let us not forget their request. We find that Liberty church reports a flourishing Sabbath school, and sends $3.67 for missions. Prude's Creek reports a flouristing Sabbath school. Davis' Creek reports a good Sabbath school, and sends 75c. for home missions. New Bethel reports a flourishing Sabbath school, and sends $1.00 for missions. A request comes from Antioch Church for the next session of this body. Let us urge you all to give full statistics of your Sabbath schools at the next Association. M. L. Burchfield, Chm.

The Committee on Nominations reported:

We recommend that the next meeting of this body be held, with Antioch Church, commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1894, 23 miles north-east of Tuscaloosa; Rev. Jackson Kizziah to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. I. Gilbert to preach the missionary sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. J. N. Burchfield, Chairman.

The Committee on State Missions reported:

We as Missionary Baptists do believe in the Bible in all of its fullness, and feeling that it holds out an idea of missions in sending the Gospel to those who have it not, for they are a people possessed of a soul just as precious in the sight of God as ours. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all that believe it, just the same to the heathen as to us. Now, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, and how can they believe on him of whom they have never heard? And how can they preach except they be sent? The Gospel is the only power of God unto salvation. It brings back to them the remembrance of the God they have forgotten. They have the same longing after life that we have. They rejoice as we do, and feel as we do, and weep as we do. Inasmuch as our Lord and Master commands us to go and to preach the Gospel; he did not say to preach it at home only, but to go into all the world and preach it to every creature. In our own State there are those who do not have the Gospel as we have it, and therefore there ought to be something done even in the State of Alabama, to enlighten those who are at our doors and with whom we come in contact every day; and we are contaminated with their evil practices, more or less. Brethren, can't we do something to help those miserable creatures who come across the water, and have never known anything but to bow down to stocks and stones, and to worship Gods made with hands. It is our duty to give the Gospel to those who have it not, and to do all we can to build up the kingdom of our Master. The Lord has piomised us the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for a possession. The land is ours, let us go and possess it. Inasmuch as we cannot all go in person, we can give up our means for the spread of the gospel. There are more laborers in the field to-day than ever before, and the field is widening, and all foreign parts send the Macenonian cry, come over and help us ere we die. Humbly and prayerfully submitted,

E. D. Kennedy, Chairman.

The Home Missions Committee reported:

We recommend itinerant work in this Association, and leave it to the body long to be remembered. WM. HANNAH, Chairman.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

The command of the Master to teach the Gospel to all nations rests upon us. Believers in Christ, the obligation to either go or send a substitute. The commission was given to the church to do this work. They were to begin at Jerusalem and go into Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. When we think of the perishing millions of human beings who have never heard of the way of salvation, and remembering that they are lost without it, our duty is clear, All the nations of the earth are now open to the Gospel. God has set before us an open door, and says to us, go in and possess the land. We have much to encourage us in this work. God has wonderfully blessed our labors. But our mission fields all need more men. God is putting it into the hearts of men and women to carry the Gospel to the people, but we need the money to enable them to go. Brethren, we must awake to the responsibility of giving the Gospel to the world and give more liberally of our substance. Our prayers and our contributions must go up together. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Respectfully submitted, A. GILBERT, Chairman.

Adjourned for refresements.

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock. Singing, and prayer by the Moderator.

The Report on Temperance was read, and after discussion adopted:

Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is wise—Prov. 20:7. His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.—Gen. 42:12. Who hath babbling, who hath wounds without cause, who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry leng at the wine.—Prov. 26:30-32. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night, until wine influence them.—Isa. 5:11. Therefore, my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge, and their honorable men are famished and their multitude dried up with thirst.

Respectfully submitted, WM. HANNAH, Chairman.

On motion, received Rev. J. N. McFalls as a corresponding delegate from Mud Creek Association.

On motion, received Bro. J. T. Robertson as a delegate from Birmingham Association, and the brethren were seated by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

On motion, she Report on deceased members was laid over until the next session of this body.

The Report on education was read, and after debate was adopted as follows:

We are glad to note the increasing interest on the subject of education all over our country. Good schools are being established and competent teachers are in demand, not only in our towns and cities, but in the rural districts. In addition to these common schools, we have Howard College for our young men

and the Judson Institute located at Marion, Ala., and the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa, for our girls. These are grand institutions for the training of our young people, and preparing them for the responsibilities of life: and they are the property of the Baptists of Alabama. We would urge upon our people the importance of higher education. Begin with the common schools, but do not stop there. Our colleges are doing a great work for our denomination. Let us stand by them and give them our sons and daughters and prayers and contributions. Also, Howard College has a class of young ministers who are being trained for work. We can make no better investment of our money than to invest it on the men who are to be the pastors of our churches. An educated pastor will educate the people.

Respectfully submitted, W. P. Naremore, Chairman.

On motion, it was ordered that 250 copies of the minutes be printed, and that the Clerk have the remainder of the fund for his services.

On motion a Committee on Periodicals was appointed, consisting of W. I. Gilbert, and J. N. Burchfield, to report at the next session of this body.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to mail Bros. Crumpton and M. M. Ward a lot of our minutes.

We, the brethren composing the Second Annual Session of the Mount Moriah Association do extend our thanks to the members of Liberty church, and vicinity, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us while in session here.

The minutes were read and adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with Antioch church, on Thursday, before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1894, 24 miles North-east of Tuscaloosa.

Sang a hymn and took the parting hand. Prayer by Elder R. D. Burrows. Wm. Hannah,

J. M. Gwin, Clerk. Moderator.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by J. G. Lowery, Sunday at 11 o'clock.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read Letters and enroll names of delegates
2. Elect officers.
3. Open door of Association for reception of churches.
4. Receive correspondents.
5. Return correspondence.
6. Appoint committees on Devotion, Finance, Doduments, Nomination.
7. Standing Committees on State, Home, and Foreign Missions, Temperance, Education, Sunday Schools, Deceased Members.
8. Reports: on Nomination, Documents, Finance.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch	Wm. Ha. ah	Hayes	M. L. Burchfield	B. Hyche, W. F. Sellers, Wm. Scales.	1	2		1	3		69	1 00	75	
Davis Creek		Milldale	B. W. Patterson	T. K. Harrison, W. B. Patterson, J.R.Patterson		4	3		2		15	1 00	10	75
Friendship	J. R. Haln n	Milldale	J. D. Hannah	G. R. Fuller, W., H. C., J.O.,and S. B.Hannah			1	1		1	31	1 00	25	
Liberty	J. E. Wilso	Conellsville	E. H. Herring	E,D.Herring, J.H.Stringfellow, E.H.F.Herring				2	1		51	1 00	50	25
New Providence		Hayes	J. B. Burton	C. B. Gwin, J. T. Winchester, J. Burton,			1	1			39	75	75	
New Prospect	H. A. Key	Hayes	W. C. Gilbert	A. Gilbert, W. T. Naramore, J. H. Miner.							81	50	50	
New Bethel	J. Kizziah	Woodstock	C. C. Ray	Daniel Kizziah, R. R. Kennedy, J. Kizziah.							31	75	25	1 00
Prude's Creek	J. N. McFall	Hayes	J. M. Gwin	J. N. Burchfield, J. H. Meathridge, J. M. Gwin	1	1	17	1			56	1 00	1 00	
Mount Pleasant				Not represented.							13	50	50	
Shell Creek	J. I. Gilbert	Hayes	E. E. Gilbert	J.I.Gilbert, J.M.Gilbert, R.P.Stanly, W.I.Gilbert										
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